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CASCO BAY ISLANDS MAINE

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THE TROUBLE WITH DOING NOTHING IS THAT YOU CAN'T STOP AND REST.

WINTER — 1963



City
Council
Chairman

Ralph Amergian

COUNCILORS VIEW THE ISLANDS

— Positive Attitude Shown —

As a 1963 pulse-taker, the editorial members of NOR' by EAST interviewed Portland City councilors — with new chairman and two new members.

Each was asked his views on economic development of the islands as a growing asset to Portland and to the State. Following is a digest of these conversations:

COUNCILOR RALPH AMERGIAN, chairman: Says he will work for upgrading city services to improve attractiveness of the islands. He has already asked for more public works personnel for summer months to clean beaches and patrol the dump (on Peaks), and he is requesting a report on these activities. He will work for improvement of sanitation, particularly in minimizing the dumping of waste into tidewater. He favors a reversal of the fire-police combination of public safety officers, to have them responsible to the police department, while still carrying on fire duties. He feels there should be an all-out effort to restore the former summer theater on Peaks.

COUNCILOR HAROLD C. LORING (Island Ward 1 is in his district): Strongly favors cooperation by municipal authorities in any effort by Casco Bay Island residents to better their position. Feels the most important move is strong representation on city committees where a chance to air problems can place them in proper perspective and speed chances of intelligent evaluation. Deplores lack of cooperation among various island groups tending to slow down progress on island problems. Believes city can do much in line of upkeep of streets, promotion of public parks, and a sound public works program.

COUNCILOR O. WILLIAM ROBERTSON: Believes that more contact with island residents is needed to

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IDA
President

Winthrop K. Deane

IDA PRESIDENT REVIEWS RECORD

By Winthrop K. Deane

Since organized in the summer of 1959, the Island Development Association has continually sought ways — educational, physical and social — to help community advancement of the Casco Bay Islands. Now seems a time briefly to look at the record.

The Association has successfully maintained publication of NOR' by EAST as a principal means of spreading information about the islands both to property owners and to visitors calling at the Portland Chamber of Commerce and the Maine Publicity Bureau.

The paper has been issued as often as resources and volunteer time would permit with circulation of about 2500 copies. This is our 19th issue and the readership extends from Maine to California and has resulted in helpful suggestions and contributions from readers.

Springtime each year members and friends of IDA join in a Clean-up and

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City
Islands
Coordinator

Charles Ranlett

NAMED AS CITY CONTACT FOR ISLAND AFFAIRS

At last fall's Town Meeting for Casco Bay Islands, City Manager Graham H. Watt suggested that better coordination between the islands and the City could speed progress. Acting promptly upon his part of the suggestion he appointed Charles Ranlett, city personnel director, to serve as coordinator of island affairs as related to City Hall.

From the islands came the offer from the steering committee of the Island Development Association to serve as a temporary working committee until such time as an all-islands City committee can be elected by popular vote.

Consequently, Ranlett and the IDA will work closely together on the many administrative details essential to island improvements.

Members of the steering committee are: Winthrop K. Deane, chairman (ex-officio as IDA president); Glenn E.

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Commuter's Express — To A Frosted Island.

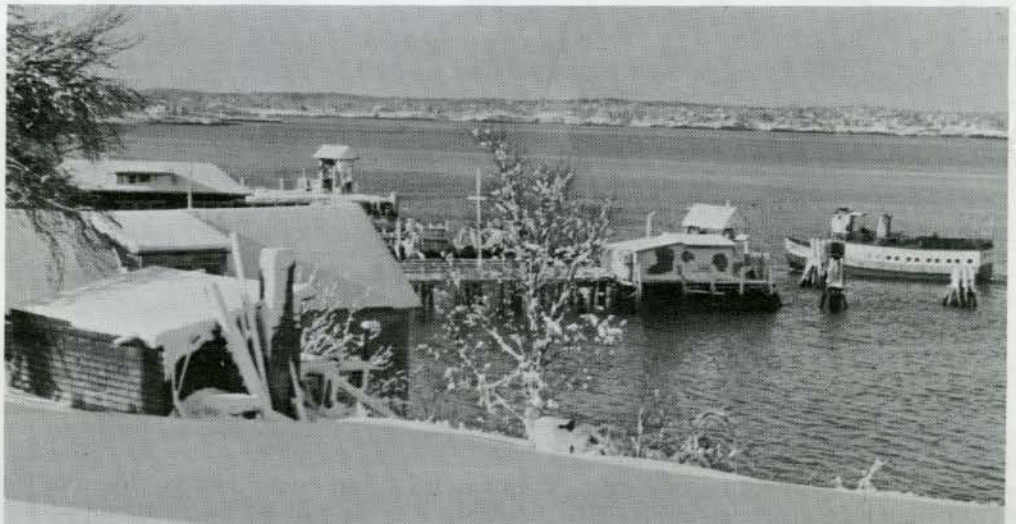


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City Councilors

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help the City Council know what needs to be done. Most of the Council members share the same problems, having a general interest in the islands but not knowing how to deal with problems that fall within limited finances and the high cost of providing island services and improvements. Feels that the islands are the most beautiful natural assets and improved public relations can be most helpful in development.

COUNCILOR CLIFTON PIKE: Believes real estate values can best be increased by a concerted effort to make properties more attractive, and thus more salable, or re-salable. Enthusiasm generating from the island residents can also be most helpful in encouraging a demand for property. Talking the islands up, can help turn the tide.

COUNCILOR J. WESTON WALGH: Believes the islands have a "tremendous" future, especially in "tourism" and we should be ready to take advantage of their natural assets. With the overcrowding of the lakes people will want to get back to the islands in increasing numbers. The place to get started is at the Portland waterfront pushing for Urban Renewal and for parking facilities. Feels that "doing something" and "giving something" is essential to development on the part of island residents and the City. A more energetic atmosphere exists among city leaders and this is a good sign.

COUNCILOR FERGUS P. LEA: Believes that "with a concerted effort we can make the Casco Bay Islands one of the greatest tourist attractions. They have the God-given beauty unmatched either inside or outside the state." Lea expressed interest in ways of attracting visitors by island tours and by doing more to develop sport fishing activities. Feels our islands compare favorably with such popular places as Key West, Fla.

City Coordinator

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Haines, A. John Shute, Abner A. Haskell, Harry D. Varney, Charles M. Ritchie and John W. Chapman, all of Peaks; Lawrence L. Stevens, Long; Robert C. Follette, Chebeague; and Norman I. Black, Cliff.

While the IDA volunteered and has received acceptance in helping to implement island affairs, this in no way precludes the privileges of other individuals in dealing directly with Mr. Ranlett, with any city department, or through the cooperation of the steering committee, on any island problem or helpful suggestion. Broad participation is welcomed at City Hall.

Taking his assignment with serious interest, Mr. Ranlett recently paid a visit to Peaks and walked every step of the way around it — leading in tow IDA-ers Deane and Chapman.

Ranlett, incidentally, is chairman of the Portland Appalachian Mountain Club, and the Peaks walk-around was more of a mere stroll for him than for his usually car-bound companions.

Ranlett was born in Boston, but his parents "saw the light" and moved to Maine when he was a small child. He grew up in Bangor, graduated from Bowdoin, and received his master's degree in government administration at Fels Institute, University of Pennsylvania. He came to Portland City Hall in 1957 in his first administrative post.

NOR' by EAST welcomes him to his new island assignment.

A TEXAS OIL-MAN wrote a check and the bank bounced.

COUNCILOR IRA D. BALL: Expressed enthusiasm for the Casco Bay Islands as Portland's greatest natural asset. He feels, however, that either the City or the State should take over and run the transportation so as to provide lower rates and better service. He says a larger car ferry is needed to transport heavy equipment needed for public works on the islands; and that he has noted there are still some wharves not up to standard which should be improved.

COUNCILOR RALPH G. LIBBY: He's "with us" but had no specific suggestions since Nor' by East's reporter made the faux pas of waking him from a Sunday afternoon siesta, during the only two hours he takes off in his busy Legislative-City activities. Pardonez!

DANIEL B. FELIX: States he is naturally very interested in the islands and in seeing them realize their potential development. Feels "we made some progress" last year even though it may seem intangible. Increased efforts by the island residents will be the most important factor.

IDA President

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Spruce-up campaign with special emphasis on education in the schools. We have provided more than \$100 in prizes for posters, essays and equipment. Improved appearance is noticeable.

For the past two years we have sparked a Casco Bay Islands promotion in cooperation with the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce and the Department of Economic Development of the State. Last summer's special feature was a highly successful art exhibit at City Hall plaza.

Through these efforts to further the interests of the Bay Islands a closer liaison with city and state officials has been constantly nurtured and bids fair to bring increasingly beneficial results.

As "grace-notes" in our program the IDA sunshine committee has been active for three years remembering senior citizens and shut-ins at holiday time and on other special occasions or during illness.

In addition the IDA has sponsored numerous civic and social events adding to the enjoyment of island living.

We sincerely thank all who have joined with us in taking part and in supporting these endeavors.

Such is only a brief look at IDA's past. More to the point is the time now to view the future progress which can be realized with more island residents working together to make living in Casco Bay better than ever before.

We invite you to join us with your suggestions and assistance.

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WINTER REUNION

The Trefethen-Evergreen Improvement Association of Peaks, whose members number some 440, turned out a record number from far and near for a mid-winter reunion in Portland on blustery January 12.

Lured by a letter from Perrine Rockafellow — who with his family has half-wintered on Peaks — the loyal-ites trekked over snow and ice encrusted highways to sip and sup together, and forward — look to Spring. Distance travelers were the Frank Daleys from Great Barrington, and Allen Johnson from Springfield, Mass. Paul Whitney of out-state brought his island slides and there was music by Maurice Davis and Dorothy and Perrine R. 'T'was some winter party.

Nothing has brightened up Peaks more than the semester presence of the Rockafellows, who in addition, swam on a warm December 1 day; admired their first winter experience in their summer home; and graced the Brackett Church choir by three.

We suspect they're destined to do more winter living in the Bay whenever Colgate University can spare their Physical Ed. Professor.

Everett E. Clarke



Man About Long Island

WHO'S WHO IN CASCO BAY

— By Richard Brunns —

Approaching his sixty-ninth milestone in the game of life and not even breaking stride is Everett E. Clarke of Long Island.

Many men at Mr. Clarke's time of life are ready to wrap it up and call it a long day's journey at an end, and reach for the old rocking chair, but not Everett. He has hardly paused for breath.

After a long succession of careers, enough to have kept five men busy in a lifetime, it's business as usual with the man who has charge of the mail at the Long Island community. What's more, he doubles as merchant in his well-known island grocery store, and this course is not all. He has been fire chief, civic leader, constructor, business agent and undertaker. In his "spare" moments, Everett builds model ships which are the envy of all who view them.

His nicest Christmas gift was back in 1917, when, on Christmas day, he married Anne MacVane, and she has been his good right arm ever since.

Twice in eight years Everett lost his home by fire, but with characteristic determination, went right ahead and rebuilt.

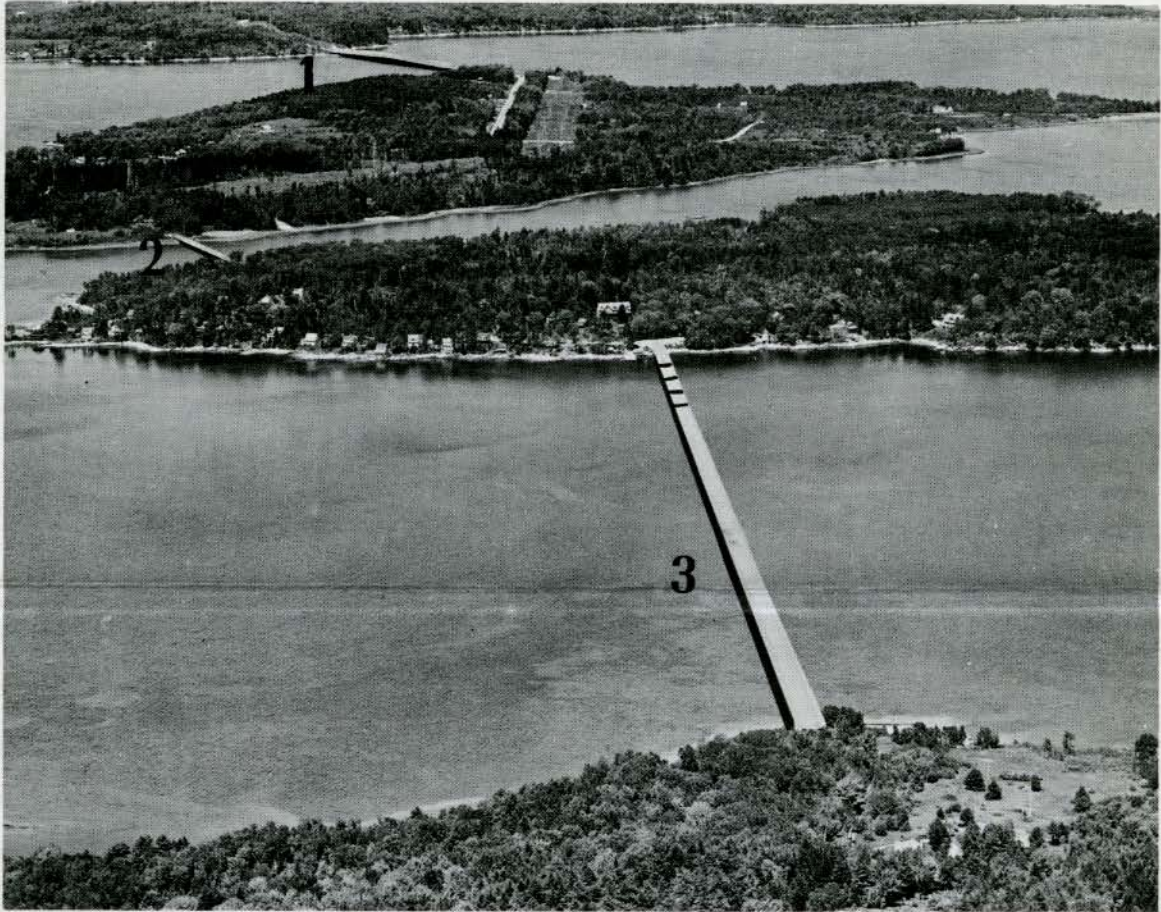
With 1963 just making the turn, Everett Clarke is looking head, rounding the turn with it, and as usual, in high gear.

It is a pleasure in this first issue of the New Year of Nor' by East to salute Everett E. Clarke, honorary mayor of Long Island.



THEY CAME FROM FAR AND NEAR

Determined Chebeague Island Bridge Campaign Wins State-Wide Support



PROPOSED SITE OF CHEBEAGUE ISLAND BRIDGE.

Late in 1961 a campaign was started for signatures to initiate a State-wide Referendum for a bridge and causeway to Littlejohns Island and a causeway from Littlejohns to Cousins Island.

On Tuesday, January 8, 1963, over 42,000 signatures were submitted to the Secretary of State of which 34,435 were certified and verified. This number of acceptable signatures is over 5,000 more than required for the initiative referendum.

It must be emphasized and clearly understood why progressive, enterprising and dedicated people here in Maine have given their unequivocal support to this project.

For the past decade the population of the islands in Casco Bay has steadily declined. Many homes have been neglected and others abandoned. Many summer residents and visitors because of transportation difficulties are discouraged from returning to the islands they have loved over the years, when boat service was convenient, comfortable and dependable. Even though the population has declined, many new people have found an attraction for the islands and are fixing up existing properties or building anew.

Casco Bay is an area that the State of Maine can ill afford not to develop, because of its great potential which will not be realized until the transportation problem has been solved. The key for the solution of this problem is the Bridge to Chebeague Island which would allow residents from Cliff and Long Island to shuttle by boat to Chebeague (10 minutes) and then by bus or auto to the mainland. The existing service from Portland to Peaks Island would be vastly improved which would stimulate growth of population in this area.

A State park with beaches and other attractions could be made readily available.

The economic advantages accruing to the Greater Portland Area and to the State of Maine are obvious. Therefore this project should have the whole-hearted support of all citizens.

The Chebeague Island Bridge Com.

FACTS ABOUT CHEBEAGUE

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Chebeague is the second largest island in Casco Bay and regarded by many as the most beautiful along the Maine coast.

It is four and a half miles long and two miles wide, has 12 miles of shore property and eight miles of sandy beaches. The island has hotels, stores, a marina and a golf course; also a consolidated grade school, a church, a fire department, and zoning. The island is a part of the town of Cumberland, and high school students are transported by boat to Cumberland high school on the mainland.

Published by the Chebeague Island Bridge Comm.

If bridged, proponents point out, Chebeague would be within a half hour's drive of mid-city Portland. It is believed a bridge would attract new year-round families and more summer residents. The population swells to about 2,000 in summer.

Most of the bridge would be about 2,600 feet of causeway running out on an existing bar. The bridge section would be approximately 1,050 feet long and extend over the channel between Chebeague and Littlejohn, allowing room for boat navigation.

The idea of bridging the islands originated with a group of Chebeague and Portland businessmen even before Central Maine Power Co. linked Cousins Island with the mainland. The plan gained impetus when other states began to open up rural areas with roads and bridges, especially where shore property and good beaches are offered.

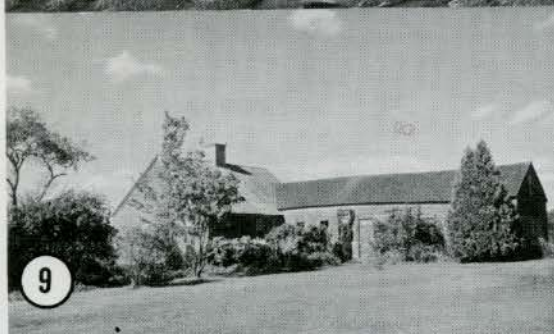
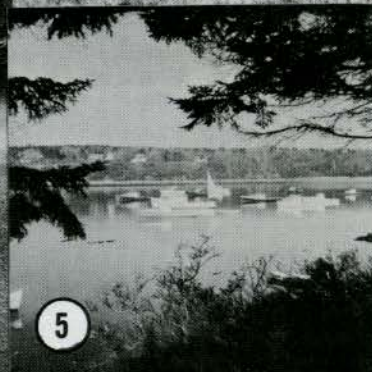
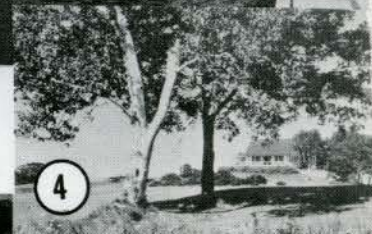
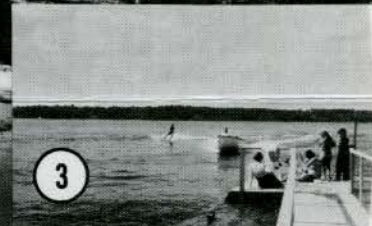


CHEBEAGUE-For Year Round or Summer Living-



Above — Chandler's Cove at the West End.

Below — The sandbar from Chebeague facing Littlejohn's Island. (Location of the proposed bridge.)



Small photos from top as numbered: 1, and 2, summer homes; 3, water skiing off the stone wharf; 4, The golf club house; 5, small boats in Chandler's Cove; 6, aerial view of eastern end showing stone wharf; 7, the golf course; 8, aerial view from Cousin's Island towards Chebeague showing proposed bridge and causeway; 9, famous old home.

HOLDING OUR OWN?

Despite rumors to the contrary, the winter population on the islands has not dropped substantially. Bills sent by the Casco Bay Light and Power Company in December as compared to a year previous were as follows:

	1961	1962
Peaks	278	272
Long	58	48
Chebeague	100	105
Cliff	42	38

Total difference, 15 families for the entire Bay, but every season sees a certain amount of change.

On the plus side are these new property owners according to the Light Company records:

PEAKS: The John Fews, Fairfield, Conn.; Joseph Mitchells, Portland; Philip Walshes, Portland; Mrs. Mary Walsh, Portland; the Daniel Murphys, Dracut, Mass.; Leo Kains, Randolph, Mass.; Frederick Murphys, Lowell, Mass.; the Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Croy, Ashland, Mass.; the Mervyn Browns, South Portland, (year round) Andrew Hanney, Groton, Mass.; the Adolphe Stevens, Portland (year round).

CLIFF: Dr. and Mrs. Frank Pitkin, Marblehead, Mass.; the David Stevens, Arlington, Mass.; the Donald Ramsdells, Cambridge, Mass.

LONG: William Luther, Somerville, Mass.; Robert Hickok, Falls Church, Va.; the Henry Lyons, South Portland and the Chester Hansons of Portland.

CHEBEAGUE: The Arthur Coriswolds, Jr., Wethersfield, Conn.; Dr. Margaret Craighill, Virginia Beach, Va.; the Carlton Bayers, Simsbury, Conn.; and the P. H. Jordons, Gales Ferry, Conn.

JESSIE B. TREFETHEN TO EXHIBIT ART IN NEW YORK

Word has been received by Miss Jessie B. Trefethen, noted Professor of Art Emeritus (Oberlin) that an exhibit of her water colors will open the first of April for three weeks in Greenwich Village.

The Drawing Ship at 45 Christopher St. is where a former student of Miss Trefethen's, Herbert Ward, now a hotel businessman, has arranged the invitation showing.

Of some 25 paintings, more than half of which feature the Casco Bay Islands. When notified of the date of the exhibit Miss Trefethen also received an invitation to be present for the opening which she plans to accept.

Miss Trefethen is a native of Peaks Island and descendent of one of the first families to settle the island.

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The action of some children suggests that their parents embarked upon the sea of matrimony without a paddle.

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ISLAND BRIEFS: Garden Club Federation Commends IDA

Mrs. Charles M. Ritchie, chairman of special projects for IDA, has received a letter from the Maine Federation of Garden Clubs, citing this Association in a Resolve passed by the federation which reads in part as follows:

"... that the members of the Garden Club Federation of Maine commend the Island Development Association, a voluntary non-profit organization in Casco Bay, which has made anti-litter education a regular part of their program and which has made a community-wide drive for improvement and beautification of its area."

President L. Corinne Mann also added her personal congratulations for IDA as being a "Pioneer in aiding the work of Governor Reed's newly established 'Keep Maine Scenic committee.'"

Something to live up to, come Spring!

Long Island News Items

MRS. N. L. RICHMOND, Pittsburgh, Pa., a summer resident of Long Island for over forty years recently celebrated her 100th birthday. She presently resides with her daughter and son-in-law MR. and MRS. G. E. PICKETT in Pittsburgh. The Pickett's summer home on Long Island is at East End.

MRS. CHARLES BARRETT, veteran teacher of Long Island, has become an island-hopping teacher! Due to pupil shrinkage this winter the school department decided that Long Island needed only one teacher — so Biantha Doughty stayed, and Frances Barrett accepted the fourth grade opening on Peaks. Probably the most unique portal-to-portal school teacher traveler is Frances who travels to Peaks daily via Portland from Long Island — having herself a two-hitch boatripe which triangles her to Peaks. The homeward course is a straight express, however, as the Down-the-Bay afternoon boat shuttles her directly to Long Island. Despite the early start she has the last half of the afternoon and evening for homework and early to bed.

Q. AND A.

Mainlanders frequently ask islanders such questions as "Wasn't it cold coming up on the boat today?" or "Do the boats still run in this weather?"

It seems they visualize us as riding out in the bow, tossing bravely.

True facts are, we ride comfortably *inside*, and due to technical improvements in the heating system the boats have been well heated this winter.

Also due to insulation around Custom House Wharf waitingroom, and a new thermostat, this much-used facility has been warm even in coldest weather.

To date — as of the end of January — it has been a good winter. **SOMETHING TO REMEMBER:** Never a loss of life disaster in the long history of Casco Bay passenger travel. Let's hope the record is never marred.

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LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Portland Sponsors Bill To Deal With Derelict Buildings

A new tool in eliminating derelict buildings on the Casco Bay Islands as well as elsewhere in the state will be available if legislation now before the current Maine legislature is approved.

Under the existing laws, towns and cities are empowered to order property torn down (if the owner is not willing to fix it up) only if it is actually ready to topple into the street or onto other property, or is wide open to vandals and hence an immediate fire hazard.

Under the proposed amendment, this procedure would be enlarged to include buildings which while not falling into one of these categories have reached such a stage of dilapidation as to be a downgrading or blighting influence on the surrounding neighborhood.

Order for removal can be given only after notice, public hearing, and opportunity for the owner to eliminate the nuisance himself.

The legislation has been introduced at the request of the City of Portland as an aid in fight on blight, both on its islands and on the mainland.

Bay Transportation Study Committee

Soon to be published is a report on the study of Casco Bay Islands transportation as requested by Governor John H. Reed who appointed a legislative committee at the special session.

Senator Ralph D. Brooks, Jr., chairman of the committee, says the report is in final stage of preparation and following approval by the committee it will be delivered to the 101st Legislature. (It will also be available to Nor' by East for review in our next issue.)

While no disclosure can yet be made concerning the report, Senator Brooks says it has been a very difficult task and the committee has worked hard to come up with an objective evaluation of the many factors involved.

The Study Committee has met seven times: once to view the Bay facilities, once with the Public Utility Commission, once in public hearing at City Hall, once with the Maine Port Authority, and three times in executive session.

Senator Brooks, a resident of Yarmouth, has long been interested in the development of the Bay area.

Maine Port Authority

A bill has been submitted to the Legislature by the Maine Port Authority for funds to repair the new State wharves, and to take down the old wharf and old building at Forest City Landing. The request does not include funds for completing Forest City Landing to provide a modern car ferry wharf.

Car - Ferry Landing

A bill has been submitted to the Legislature by Samuel Hinds of South Portland, at the request of Samuel S. Howard of Peaks, requesting \$75,000 for completion of the combination car and

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(Capitals following name indicates island)

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Walter Bachelder, Eustis, Fla. (L)
Albert Balcom, Fitchburg, Mass. (P)
Richard S. Barton, Everett, Mass. (L)
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Edna L. Bennett, Athol, Mass. (P)
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Ed. note: It is not possible for "Nor' by East" to comment on all of the personals — the deaths, births and marriages about which our community is interested. The following, therefore, is published in memory of island residents who are not with us in 1963 but whose spirits live on in memory. The author of the article below was the late David Scott of Peaks Island, a long-time island resident. We feel his poetic writing symbolizes all who have voyaged on life's sea.

Existence is but a short and fitful cruise upon the sea of life. In youth we shove off, filled with dreams of distant ports, and strong with confidence and conceit. The ship is staunch, the sails are strong, the eye is bright, and the muscles of the arm are as of iron. Sunken rocks and a lee shore are not for us; ours the joy, the adventure, the accomplishment. The wind is fair, the sea is calm, the health is robust, as we sail into the future.

Sail ho. Another ship. How quickly she overtakes, passes and leaves us astern. Her leaning masts, the singing rigging, the smother of foam 'neath the bow, speak of power and of speed. But, be not envious, my youthful mariner. We journey toward a common port. This is a voyage and not a race.

Presently a cloud; small and low down on the horizon. Slowly it lifts, expands, becomes threatening, and envelopes us in its fury. But we have a stout vessel, and a steady hand. Gradually we weather the storm. We breathe deeply and smile at the dangers that are past.

Then, as the days grow into weeks, and the weeks into years, we sail ever onward toward our goal; fondling our love, nursing our hopes, hiding our disappointments, mastering our fears — ever Westward, toward the sunset.

Now the land fall. First, just a shadow in the distance, filling us with apprehension. Then the hills of green, with their line of white surf at water's edge. We've shortened sail, and approach with caution. The trip has been long; filled with work and worry, hope and despair, life and love. The course is between bank and shoal. How smooth the harbor, peaceful and enchanting.

Into the wind, with sails and fingers that tremble. "Let go," and the anchor is down. The sails are furled — more slowly than when the voyage began — and when all is snug, the sailor seeks rest on the after deck. Quiet is the harbor; still the night. Slowly ebbs the tide. He smiles, looks drowsily up at the stars and peacefully sinks into sleep.

Thus ends the voyage of life.



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